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COSDEN WELL IN JACK IS SPOUTING

Throws Oil Over Derrick As Free Entertainment Popular
Drillers Try to Pull Casing--Excitement High Assist Band's Work

News reached Jacksboro Wednesday that the Cosden-Stewart well, near Jermyn, was quite active and creating much interest again. The well was flowing over the derrick at intervals with such heavy gas pressure that the oil was raising through four thousand feet of water.

The present condition of the well is, that orders had been given to pull the casing and plug the well with cement. When the work commenced Tuesday, just as the casing was moved a little rumbling was heard in the well and the oil began to flow and continued to flow by heads, the pressure being so great that it forced the oil over the derrick eight times inside of three and one-half hours Tuesday afternoon. The gas pressure is very strong. Efforts to pull the casing continue, but owing to the strong gas pressure, the flow of oil and fumes from the gas, the workmen cannot approach the well at times and at the time of going to press, Wednesday afternoon, all efforts to seal the well with cement had failed.

When interviewed by The Gazette representative by telephone, the secretary of the Jermyn Chamber of Commerce stated that the matter was being taken up with the Cosden Company and the state commission in an effort to prevent the closing of this well and with a view of completing the drilling.

This territory has always been considered one of the most promising oil section in Jack county, and if this well should be closed at this time it would necessitate a delay in the oil development of the county with a great loss to all who are interested in the oil development of this section.—The Jacksboro Gazette.

FAMOUS VIOLINIST TO APPEAR HERE

During the past several years the Baptist college has been bringing lyceum numbers to Decatur each winter season for the entertainment of the public, and the high school has recently been furnishing such entertainment, but none of these courses have received sufficient cooperation to make them pay expenses. This season the college, high school and Harmony club have combined to furnish some very high-class programs for the public, the first of which will be Skovgaard, the Danish violinist, assisted by Pearl Withersbee, vocalist, and Alice McClung-Skovgaard, accompanist. Skovgaard and company are not strangers to Decatur people, as he came here in 1913 under the auspices of the boy scouts, and his program at that time delighted a large audience. Other high-class numbers are to be brought here by these organizations, and it is hoped that the people will show the proper appreciation by a liberal patronage of the events. The second number, to be announced later, will be given at the college.

S. S. BROWN DIED IN VALLEY VIEW

S. S. Brown, one of the best known men living in the Valley View and Bethel communities, died at his home west of Decatur Saturday afternoon and the remains were interred in the Valley View cemetery Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives. Rev. J. L. Ward of Decatur, conducted the funeral services. "Buster" Brown was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Brown, deceased, and was born in the state of Kansas, coming to Wise county with his parents when he was a small boy. His parents settled in the Bethel community where "Buster" grew up, and his life was spent in that neighborhood. "Buster" Brown had multiplied hundreds of friends, for he was a man who made and held friends. He was a good neighbor, and honorable in all his dealings, and he will be sadly missed. For several years he had been in poor health, owing to a liver complaint, and his death was not unexpected. In the passing of this man Messenger loses a good and true friend, one of its most constant subscribers and supporters. A wife and nine children, with hundreds of friends mourn the death of this man.

Hear Skovgaard, the famous Danish violinist, at the high school auditorium next Thursday night. Hear him weave into tuneful fabric the entire gamut of human emotion, love, anger, joy, hate, despair. Hear the music of mountain brooks, the laughter of little children, wild Hungarian waltzes, sweet tender folk songs, strob with half-forgotten memories.

BAND MUSICALE ATTRACTS CROWD

Free Entertainment Popular
and Good Fund Raised to Assist Band's Work

Little Eloise Bridges, reading in the Messenger that the Decatur band was in need of support from the citizens, last week made up a purse of several dollars among her friends and presented the money to the band. If all the people of Decatur were as loyal to the band as this little girl, the organization would never want for expense money.

A large crowd which filled the district court room greeted the Decatur band and stringed orchestra last Tuesday night. The program by the band was well-rendered and highly appreciated by the crowd, and the special numbers by the stringed orchestra brought much applause and many encores.

During the program M. W. Burch made a talk in which he pleaded for the support of the band by the citizenship of the community, pointing out the rapid advancement of the organization and its importance to this city. He stated that during the past several months the boys have been running short of expense money, and have had to dig down in their own pockets to pay their instructor. In response to this appeal, the crowd made a liberal donation to the band, while several business men raised the amount of their monthly donations to the band.

It is very important to the community and to Decatur especially that the band be kept going; and we should furnish the expense money. A high-class band, such as we have, is a real asset to any community, and richly deserves the united support of the entire citizenship.

SPECIAL PICTURE FOR RELIEF FUND

At the request of Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Near East Relief campaign, Manager Blythe has consented to run a special feature picture for the benefit of the campaign to send relief to the poor, starving children of Europe. This picture will be run on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 30, beginning at 1:30 and continuing till 6:30. Mr. Blythe charges nothing for running the picture and every penny taken in at this performance will go toward the relief fund. There will be no charges for the picture, but those attending may make whatever contribution they may desire toward feeding the miserable, starving children of Europe. Tell your neighbors, and let everybody come to this special performance and make the contribution very liberal toward this worthy cause.

PROPOSES DOUBLE TAX ON TEXAS OIL

Austin, Jan. 19.—The first three bills materially affecting the oil industry of Texas were introduced this morning in the house. One of them by Coffee, would increase the occupation tax on oil production up to three per cent of gross production. The present tax is one and one-half per cent.

Coffee is serving his first term in the legislature. He lives at Paradise in Wise county. The boost in tax of oil was written into a bill by Coffee, he said, because he believed that the oil industry can afford to pay that much.

Of course, he said, his bill simply doubles the amount of taxes paid by the oil industry, but he said the amount was not big enough in the first place. Besides, he has been told oil pays a bigger tax in Oklahoma than in Texas, and "he would like to see the school funds in Texas get as much out of oil as Oklahoma gets out of oil."

WHOLESALE PRICES DROP IN DECEMBER

Washington, Jan. 20.—Wholesale prices in December showed a considerable decline, according to statement issued today by the bureau of labor statistics.

The statement shows a decrease of twelve and three-quarters per cent in the wholesale price of farm products



JUST SUPPOSE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU. YES, YOU.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO YOUR FAMILY?

PUT YOUR MONEY IN OUR BANK.

First Nat'l Bank
DECATUR - TEXAS

Farm Loans

On sandy or black land farms. I am now prepared to close up loan contracts without delays on Wise county farm lands either sandy or black land—double option for the payment of your loans.

S. A. Lillard, Jr

—Office in City National Bank—

In December, as compared with November, a decrease of eleven and three-quarters per cent in the wholesale price of food products, and a decline of six per cent in the wholesale price of clothing and cloth. Wholesale prices for building material showed the smallest decline, being but three per cent lower than in November.

RURAL CARRIERS ARE POORLY PAID

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—The plight of the rural mail carriers was explained to the house of representatives by Representative Parrish in a speech today showing that the carriers have a small amount of money left from their salaries after paying the cost of their transportation. He cited the case of a carrier operating out of Henrietta receiving a salary of \$2,775 annually, but who had left only \$1,040 after purchasing gasoline and keeping his automobile in repair so that he could cover the route each day.

Mr. Parrish told the house that the city carrier received almost as much money as do the rural carrier with no expense outlay to maintain. He advocated the government fixing

a sum for the carriers to be the salary and a sum as expense on the upkeep of the vehicle used in carrying the mail.

APPOINT PRESKITT CONSTABLE PREC. 1

E. A. Preskitt has been appointed constable of precinct No. 1, taking up his duties this week. Mr. Preskitt succeeds Walter Wood who resigned as constable. Mr. Preskitt has had much valuable experience as an officer of the law, and he will no doubt fill the place with credit to himself and the law-abiding citizens. Constable Preskitt requests the Messenger to state that he will lend his assistance to seeing that the speed law in this precinct is observed, and he hereby serves notice on all violators that he "is on the job" and will do his duty without favor.

Complaints are being made daily about the flagrant violations of the speed law in Decatur and community, and a number of serious accidents have occurred during the past few weeks.

Mrs. Irvin Brewer left this week to join her husband in their new home in Fort Worth.

Big Consolidation ~~AND~~ Clearance Sale

AT BELLAH-BAILLEY CO. STORE
Starts Saturday, January 22--Rain or Shine

We have moved our Sanger store to Decatur, and, by the consolidation of the two stocks, we have more merchandise on hand than we should have and are forced to make a great sacrifice in order to dispose of the same quickly. Should you be in the market for anything in our line, it will be to your interest to come and see us.

On Saturday, January 22nd we are going to start the ball to rolling and we give you a special invitation to come and get your share of the many bargains offered. Our sale in November was a great success and we feel confident that we saved you money on every purchase. Since that time, we have added several thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise to our stock and have been compelled to apply the knife again to our former low prices, as we are determined to clear our shelves of all winter merchandise. The policy of this store is to serve its customers in a business-like and a courteous manner—a square deal to all! You will find every article in the house marked in plain figures—and that price the lowest! Below we give you just a few of the many bargains we will have for you, as it will be impossible to quote prices on everything. We guarantee a big reduction on all merchandise. Come in and let us show you!



MEN'S CLOTHING

We have about 75 suits on hand that we are going to close out regardless of former cost. In order to do this we have made up two lots as follows:

Lot No. 1—We have about 40 suits in this lot that the former prices were from \$30 to \$40.00. Your choice for only.....\$15.00

Lot No. 2.—In this lot we have about 35 suits that range in price from \$45.00 to \$50.00. Your choice for only.....\$20.00

The above suits are not old and shelf-worn but are new and up-to-date; bought for this season's business and are worth much more than we are asking for them on the present market.

LADIES' SHOES

\$12.50 and \$14.50 Selby shoes, only.....\$8.45
 \$10.00 Selby shoes, military heels, in black and tan, only.....\$7.50
 \$9.00 Selby shoes, military heels.....\$5.95
 \$12.50 Selz shoes, low heels only.....\$7.45
 \$9.50 Selz shoes, only.....\$6.45
 \$7.50 Selz shoes, only.....\$5.25
 One table of ladies' shoes, values up to \$12.50. Your choice for only.....\$5.95
 One table of ladies' shoes, small sizes.....\$2.00

MEN'S UNDERWEAR REDUCED

We have an extra heavy ribbed men's union suit in ecru, all sizes, only.....\$1.50
 Extra heavy shirts and drawers, in fleece or ribbed at only.....75c
 One lot of men's wool shirts and drawers, regular \$2.25 and \$2.50, at only.....\$1.25

MEN'S OVERCOATS AT BIG REDUCTION

We have only 14 men's overcoats, ranging in price from \$27.50 to \$37.50, and in order to close them out, we are going to make one lot out of them and say your choice.....\$15.00

We have one lot of young men's overcoats in sizes 35 to 37, values up to \$27.50, and are offering them at, your choice.....\$12.50

MEN'S TROUSERS—ONE THIRD OFF

Our men's dress pants range in price from \$3.00 to \$12.50, and one-third off of these prices brings them down to almost a pre-war basis. Come in and take advantage of this sale.

BOYS' SUITS AT ONE-HALF OFF

We have about 53 boys' suits, ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$17.50—your choice at one-half off!

Be sure and take advantage of this and dress the boy up with a brand new suit at a big saving!

LADIES' UNDERWEAR AT A BIG REDUCTION

\$2.50 and \$3.00 quality in ladies' union suits, in high neck, ankle lengths, at only.....\$1.50
 \$2.50 quality in ladies' union suits, sleeveless and ankle length, at only.....\$1.25
 Big reductions all thru this department!

STAPLES! STAPLES!

We have simply cut deep into our staple department. They have been priced to sell fast
 Gold Coin domestic in bleached only.....19c
 Pepperel sheeting—9-4 bleached, only.....60c
 York and Red Seal gingham, only.....25c
 A good grade of dress gingham, only.....15c
 A good grade of percale, light and dark.....15c
 36-inch Ensign and Attair percales in light and dark patterns, at only.....25c
 Hercules shirting, at only.....25c

SILKS REDUCED

We have a beautiful line in messalines and taffetas in heavy quality that we are going to place in this sale, at only.....\$1.85
 40-inch georgette and crepe de chine, in good quality, at only.....\$1.59

MEN'S HATS

We are going to place our entire line of hats on sale at one-third off. Considering the low margin of profit that was placed on these hats to begin with and then taking off one-third brings them down to sure-enough bed rock prices. Come in and look them over.



EXTRA SPECIALS

We have 11 dresses in taffeta and messalin, values up to \$37.50, your choice only....\$9.45

MEN'S SHOES

Bion F. Reynolds shoes sold for \$20.00 during early part of season. We have them in browns and blacks in vici-kid, kangaroo and calf-skin leathers, in the new shapes...\$12.50
 \$15.00 Bostonian shoes at only.....\$9.85
 \$14.00 Bostonian shoes at only.....\$7.50
 \$10.00 Luke W. Reynolds shoes only.....\$6.95
 \$15.00 American Gentleman shoes.....\$9.85
 \$12.50 American Gentleman shoes.....\$8.45
 \$10.00 American Gentleman shoes.....\$6.45
 \$ 8.50 American Gentleman shoes.....\$5.45
 On table of men's shoes, odds and ends, good values, at only.....\$3.45

BOYS' SHOES

\$5.50 and \$6.00 Hamilton Brown Security boy shoes, sizes 3 to 5½, at only.....\$4.00
 \$4.50 and \$5.00 Godman shoes for boys in tans and blacks, for only.....\$3.00
 Every boys' shoe goes in this sale—don't miss these bargains!

MEN'S WORK CLOTHES AT BIG SAVING

Men's blue work shirts at one time sold for \$1.75, now only.....\$1.00
 Men's blue overalls, standard make and quality, at only.....\$1.50
 Men's khaki pants, good heavy quality, at only.....\$2.25
 Boys' overalls, all sizes, at only.....\$1.00

CHILDREN'S SHOES—BARGAIN PRICES

Our entire line of children's shoes will be on sale at a great saving to you. Come in and look them over before you buy.

We want you to come to see us during this sale as we feel confident that it will be to your interest. We are making genuine reductions on everything in the house, as we want to clear our shelves of all winter merchandise in order to make room for spring goods. Come in and see just how cheap you can buy good, dependable merchandise. You are welcome at our store at all times, whether you buy or not.

BELLAH-BAILLEY CO.

"THE STORE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE"

WEST SIDE—DECATUR, TEXAS

ENLISTMENT RALLY HERE NEXT WEEK

For Baptist churches of Wise county, to be held at Decatur, January 28-30, 1921.

Friday Night

7:00 p. m.—The Need of Enlistment:

1st—In the Evangelistic Work of the Church—Rev. S. F. Ross.

2nd—In the Teaching Work of the Church—Rev. S. A. Peyton.

3rd—In the Financial Support of the Church Work—J. N. Hunt.

Saturday

10:00 a. m.—Song and Prayer Service—W. H. Rice.

10:20 a. m.—The Sunday School As An Enlistment Agency—Howard F. Sanders, of Hillsboro.

11:00 a. m.—The B. Y. P. U. As An Enlistment Agency—O. J. Chastain, of Dallas.

2:00 p. m.—Song and Prayer Service.

2:30 p. m.—The W. M. U. As An Enlistment Agency—Mrs. B. A. Copas of Fort Worth.

3:30 p. m.—The Home Church Campaign—Directed by S. L. Bulkeley.

4:00 p. m.—Board Meeting.

7:00 p. m.—Addresses by Howard F. Sanders and O. J. Chastain.

Sunday

9:45—Sunday School.

10:40 a. m.—The Value of the Organized Sunday School Class—Mr. Howard F. Saunders.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon—Thos. J. As of Alvord.

6:00 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. Meeting.

6:40—How to Make the B. Y. P. U. Efficient—O. J. Chastain.

7:15 p. m.—Sermon—A. J. Leach.

MANY CONVICTIONS IN DISTRICT COURT

District court adjourned last Saturday to convene again on Monday, February 7th, at which time the criminal docket will be resumed. On Friday and Saturday of last week the following cases were disposed of:

B. E. Hunter, charged with assault to rob; given five years' suspended sentence.

W. H. Steel, R. O. Johnson and Glenn Carnes, plead guilty to assault to rob and were each given a five-year suspended sentence.

Chas. Young, aged seventeen years, charged with assault to murder, given four years' suspended sentence.

Out of the thirty-four cases tried during the last session of court, there were thirty-three convictions, and sixteen of these received suspended sentences. Out of thirty-three only three were over twenty years of age.

MRS. T. R. HOLLIDAY DIED WEDNESDAY

Mrs. T. R. Holliday, formerly of Decatur, died at her home in Riverside, Fort Worth, last Wednesday. The remains were carried to Crafton Thursday for interment. Mrs. Holliday had been an invalid for many years. She lived in the Crafton country with her family for many years, later moving to Decatur, residing here for about ten years until about two years ago when the family moved to Fort Worth.

Mrs. Holliday was a splendid Christian woman, and the noble influence of her life has left its impress upon her family and many good friends. Among the children are two sons, Homer and Aubrey, both well known here.

Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved family in their bereavement.

Mrs. Margaret L. Holliday, sixty-seven years old, residing in Riverside, died Wednesday afternoon. Besides her husband, T. R. Holliday, she is survived by two sons, A. B. and H. L. Holliday, and one daughter, Mrs. W. O. Shubert of Lockney, Texas. The body was forwarded to Ark Springs, Texas, Thursday morning by Robertson's for burial.—Fort Worth Record.

DECATUR BOY WINS BOUT IN FT. WORTH

Decatur fans of the fist game were surprised last week to note that "Heavy" Carroll, a former Decatur boy, had won some prominence in a semi-win-up to the Waugh bout in Fort Worth Friday night. The following is from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, describing Jimmy Carroll's efforts:

In the semi-win-up, Jimmy Carroll of Fort Worth, proved that he is to be regarded with more than passing respect, when he flattened Tommy Whitley of Mineral Wells, in the second round of a scheduled six-round bout. Carroll really won with a right to the side of the head in the first round, but Whitley's gameness carried him into the next stanza when he was knocked so cold that ring-siders feared he had been really hurt. Whitley was warmly cheered for his gameness.

The local W. C. T. U. held a very interesting and helpful service at the First Baptist church last Sunday night. The meeting was in the order of a celebration of the ratification of the 18th amendment, and the subject stressed by several speakers was "Law Enforcement." Mrs. J. N. Hunt presided, and talks were made by Mrs. W. W. Williams, president of the local union, Revs. J. L. Ward, G. F. Boyd and R. E. Bell. A choir composed of members of the union furnished splendid music. A large crowd was present. A liberal donation was made to the W. C. T. U. work.

PLEA OF GUILTY

I plead guilty of being headquarters for any and all kinds of mattress work. Make your old mattress just like new! J. E. MAYES, Box 291, Bowie, Texas.

Majestic shows are among the found in the sta

MUCH GOOD DONE BY COUNTY AGENT

County Agent Kemp has been rushed in every line of his field work. His efforts have been directed, particularly, to organizing, producing and marketing associations along the lines of the Fort Worth & Denver and the Rock Island railroads.

Several associations have been already organized for farmers along these lines. If road conditions be favorable complete organization will soon be affected throughout the county.

In addition to the provisions for farmers, more widely spread efforts will be made to line up the boys and girls in school club work.

Each school in the county has been requested to co-operate with the county agent. Many of the wide-awake school communities have extended requests for the county agent to visit their school and communities.

Those, who have delayed replying, should not neglect the opportunity to have their schools listed with the other good schools that wish to be advertised at the A. & M. College and in the agricultural department in Washington, D. C.

There are bright boys and girls in every school in the county. They should be given opportunity to enjoy the practical lessons open to them and to share in the privileges of competing for free trips to the Dallas fair, A. & M. College and other educational trips, that will be provided for the boys and girls of Wise county.

Before they can enter the competition for those special privileges and prizes, they must be enrolled in the club work of the boys and girls of the county.

The county agent has been provided with a new office and can now be easily found, when he is not engaged in field work. He appreciates the change and will gladly welcome any person who wishes information about the marketing associations or the crops that should be raised or the poultry and the dairy industries.

It is the privilege of every farmer and of every club boy to call at his office or write for information.

News from Bridgeport. (Index.)

In the wrestling match held in the Wilson building Friday evening Roy Deatherage, a local wrestler, defeated Kid Thomas, a middle-weight champion of Chicago.

Deputy Sheriff W. R. Riley went to Rusk Saturday, to convey Mrs. Lewis of Boonsville, who was recently adjudged insane, to the asylum at that place. He returned Monday.

Work on constructing a spur track from the Rock Island railroad to the site of the new brick plant on the West Side, began Monday morning. Harry Hardy is the superintendent in charge of the work.

Drilling has again been resumed on the Lubbock-Bridgeport oil well, after a delay occasioned by a fishing job. The work is now progressing nicely and it is expected the drill will be penetrating the pay sand ere long.

Basil Leonard Adams died at the Iowa Hotel Thursday morning, aged one day, and the body was interred in the East Side cemetery Friday morning. Mrs. Adams, the mother, is a daughter of Mrs. F. Kilmer.

Work was started during the past week on the refining plant of the World Refining Company at Bridgeport. Foundations for the buildings have already been laid and several carloads of machinery are either on the ground or in transit. The plant is expected to be ready for operation by the latter part of March. The plant will have a daily capacity of five hundred barrels of crude oil.

More Wise county people are reading the Messenger than the combined number reading all other papers published in the county.

College Notes.

This week concludes the first six weeks of the second term in Decatur College.

Nothing like a good start! The Cubs defeated Meridian College last Thursday and Friday in a series of games in the D. B. C. gym. Good attendance was the fine assistance handed the players of D. B. C. On for the district championship.

Mr. Hughes, instructor of mathematics, dean, and director of athletics of Decatur College, attempted to make the trip with the college basketball squad on Wednesday, but illness took hold of him at Fort Worth and he immediately returned to Decatur, and we hate to see him confined to his bed. Neuritis was diagnosed as his ailment and a speedy recovery is hoped by all the student-body and faculty of the college.

After delivering a reading from the fortieth Psalm, Dr. J. L. Ward proceeded to inform the study body of a coming attraction of some real artist who will appear in the high school auditorium Thursday, January 26 at night. After his discursive explanation, he assured those who purchased tickets that they would be granted suspension! So a prosperous outlook and a prosperous success is expected as a result.

Decatur Baptist College quintette left Wednesday for Stephenville, where they play John Tarleton College, in a series of basketball games. They tried to get games with this college and Thorpe Springs Christian College also but the Christians gave up to the Decaturites, according to information received; that the Cub quintette had a better showing and would consequently defeat them however, the D. B. C. men will play the David's Sunday school five at the First Baptist church, Friday, January 21, at Fort Worth before coming home. Good results are expected to be the outcome of these games.

MISSIONARY CAMP AT SEMINARY HILL

Perhaps the most significant and far-reaching training camp for the missionaries and field workers of the Texas Baptists comes to a close on Wednesday evening, January 12th at Seminary Hill, Fort Worth. About one hundred and fifty missionaries and others doing specific denominational service were in attendance upon the camp which embraced eight days of intensive school work. Our W. M. U. manual was taught by Mrs. A. F. Beddoe, corresponding secretary of the woman's work of Texas; B. Y. P. U. manual taught by Secretary T. C. Gardner and the Sunday school course was taught by Secretary Phillips.

Each of the first two departments mentioned above issued more than one hundred diplomas and the Sunday school department will perhaps deliver nearly as many. It was declared "a new thing under the sun," for more than one hundred men to be studying the woman's work.

In addition to the schools herein mentioned the camp was noted for the very able and instructive lecture courses given by some of our most eminent men in Texas, and also several distinguished men from states beyond the Mississippi. The camp reached its climax in interest and value to the whole denominational system on Wednesday, when the "Home Church Campaign" was discussed and planned. This campaign purposes to send all the denominational agencies afield to aid the local churches in getting on a weekly or monthly basis of giving. The chief importance and aim of the campaign is to save the churches from inefficient and inadequate methods that have resulted in the minimum service in most churches and the utter ruin to many others.

J. N. HUNT,
General Missionary, Dist. No. 2.

TO DISTRIBUTE TAX MONEY FOR ROADS

The automobile tax of Wise county car owners is a princely sum, amounting to several thousand dollars. Under the present law, this county tax goes to the state highway commission in Austin, and after certain expenses are deducted, which goes to maintain the Austin office, fifty per cent of what is left is returned to the county, and it is held in "reserve" until the Meridian Highway is completed and paid for. At present there is a fund, the accumulation of several years, of something like \$20,000 to be expended in maintaining this highway after it is completed. Not one penny of this huge amount, under the present law, can be used until the Meridian road is finished and all accounts against it are paid.

This law is faulty, in Messenger's opinion, in that justice is not done automobile owners who never use the Meridian Highway running from Fort Worth thru Decatur to Bowie. It appears to the Messenger that every automobile owner who is taxed for road building purposes should receive some of the benefits of the fund, and doubtless, Senator Guinn Williams thinks as the Messenger thinks, for he has introduced a bill in the senate which calls for a greater per cent of the tax for the county and a more equal distribution of the money in road building. As Messenger sees it, why should the auto owners in the Chico, Bridgeport, Paradise, Boyd and other communities removed from the Meridian Highway route be taxed to maintain a road which they never, or seldom, use? Why not give the roads in all parts of the county a portion of the tax the car owners are compelled to pay for the exclusive upkeep of one road?

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Chico State Bank

at Chico, Texas.

At the close of business Dec. 29, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$ 79,274 49
Loans, real estate.....	1,000 000
Overdrafts.....	737 41
Bonds and stocks.....	2,500 00
Real estate (b/k house).....	1,250 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,635 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	83,987 96
Interest on depositors' guaranty fund.....	2,047 41
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	77 43
War Savings Stamps.....	299 29
TOTAL.....	\$171,958 96

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	10,300 00
Undivided profits, net.....	5,177 85
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	126,421 08
Times certificates of deposit.....	3,750 00
Cashier's checks.....	750 03
TOTAL.....	\$171,958 96

State of Texas, county of Wise. We, T. S. McCurdy, as president, and V. E. Baldrige, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—T. S. McCURDY, President. V. E. BALDRIDGE, Cashier. CORRECT—Attest: B. O. WILKINSON, JNO. J. BLANTON, T. S. STEPHENS, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January, A. D. 1921.—J. P. LYNCH, Notary Public of Wise county, Texas.

Mr. Pruett, who was convicted for assaulting his wife with a knife and given two years in the penitentiary, was granted a pardon by the governor Monday morning. A short time before the notification of the pardon was received by Sheriff Malone, he had received instructions to have Pruett at the station here for the penitentiary officer, who was passing through Decatur.

MESSANGER NOTES OF 20 YEARS AGO

Queen Victoria died Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Mrs. E. L. Lillard is visiting relatives in Kentucky.

Miss Maud Saunders visited friends in Greenwood this week.

Mrs. Lula Riffe nee Kinnebrew, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Gilliland.

Mrs. J. P. Gilliland of Sulphur Springs, is visiting relatives here this week.

Dr. A. C. Bramlett left Saturday for New Orleans, where he goes to attend medical lectures.

Miss Lota Gordon who has been visiting Mrs. C. H. Smith for some time, returned to her home at Bluffdale today.

Mrs. A. Y. Leslie and children of Vernon, are visiting friends and relatives in Decatur this week.

Thirty-five Years Ago

Messenger May 15, 1886.

Rhyme has an interesting Sunday school.

Galveston will get the democratic convention.

Ford, Weakley & Johnston have received a car of steel nails.

W. S. Gilbert is a candidate for sheriff at the next general election.

Sheriff W. J. Mann went to Montague county Thursday to recover stolen horses.

Stratton has opened in connection with his grocery, a meat market which he styles the White Elephant.

City Marshal Bird seems to be the right man in the right place from the way he is having the streets and alleys cleaned.

The Decatur rifles have moonlight drills after the day's work hours.

An infant child of Jim Day died at Rhyme on Thursday.

That neat sign, painted by W. C. Hardcastle, the boss sign writer of the city, hanging in front of our office, makes our whereabouts easy to find.

Cal. Leonard was in the city Wednesday, taking notes of the field. Everybody seems to be expecting that he will shie his castor into the candidatal arena soon.

J. T. Holt, candidate for tax assessor, says, "Hurrah for the Messenger. Dennis Paschall, a candidate, says, "The Messenger has a daisy local paper this week."

Wise county directory: County Judge, W. W. Brady; sheriff, W. J. Mann; district clerk, Will A. Miller; county clerk, H. L. Ward; county attorney, R. E. Carswell; tax assessor, A. Dunlap; tax collector, Amos Finch; county surveyor, George C. Wilton. County commissioners: Precincts 1 and 6, W. P. Russell; 2 and 3, J. H. Hanks, Alvord; 4 and 5, W. H. Mershon, Paradise; 7 and 8, A. E. Barksdale, Chico.

News from Flatwoods

Fannie Bridge visited Flora Phillips Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Deaton has been ill the past week.

Miss Floe Falker spent Saturday night with Opal Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pavillard visited Paradise Saturday night.

Bro. Boyd of Decatur, preached for us Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Misses Madge Isreal and Jewel Walker visited Marie Cathey at Paradise.

The school children are all back in school this week after the snow-storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walker spent last Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Deaton.

Mary Page, who is going to school at Paradise, spent Saturday night and Sunday with homefolks.

Mrs. Herman Goodger of Decatur, came to spend the week with her mother, Mrs. Bart Miller.

Flatwoods and Paradise played a game of basketball Saturday afternoon. They had a close game.

Misses Emma and Lucille Womack and Sidney and Leo Koeninger spent Sunday evening with Floe Walker.

Miss Ima Patterson, who is our assistant teacher, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks in Paradise.

News from Rhyme

Lloyd Douglas was in Fort Worth Monday.

Miss Iota Morris is in Fort Worth for a lengthy stay.

Miss Maud Slimp is visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

W. T. Leonard was in Fort Worth Saturday on business.

Miss Bess Bobo of Mineral Wells, visited homefolks last week.

Clifton Smith returned Monday from Southwestern oil fields.

Neal Stegall of Marfa spent last week with his cousin, Mrs. J. B. Smith.

Mrs. Kate Harris and Miss Gypsy Coates made a shopping trip to Fort Worth Friday.

Otis Layfield, who is training at the Great Lakes Naval Station, was home on ten-day' furlough recently.

Mrs. Joe Rogers of Knox City, who has been visiting relatives here for the past month, returned home Tuesday.

Misses Dottie Lowance and Estelle Nobles, who are teaching the Valley View school, spent the week-end in Rhyme.

Visitors from Rhyme in Decatur recently were: Mrs. S. D. Handley and children, Mrs. J. N. Barker, I. R. Williams, Jarrett Hudnall, L. B. Barker, Mrs. E. A. Wright and John Lowance.

Decatur people are offered the best that flimdom can afford at the Majestic theatre.

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Friday Morning, January 21, 1921.

Boost the band!

Suspended sentences lead to suspended law.

The days of the speeders are few—the law is now on the trail.

Advise is cheap; that explains why we have an exhaustable supply of it.

Billy Sunday is all right; he says tobacco-using is not an unpardonable sin.

Gov. Neff sees in Senator Williams one of the really big men in the upper house.

Never mind the future; be what you ought to be; the rest is God's affair.—Amiel.

The great sermons of the future will be preached from the screen.—Rev. Jas. Empringham.

The national democratic campaign committee is several thousand dollars short. Will you kick in?

Why not this congressional district: Wise, Montague, Denton, Cooke, Jack and Palo Pinto? Looks good.

Rube says that news columns are becoming as unreliable as the old style hose supporters that hooked on corsets.

There was no ball, and everybody was invited to the festivities in Austin when Mr. Neff was inaugurated governor.

Men don't and can't live by exchanging articles, but by producing them; they don't live by trade, but by work.—Ruskin.

We would suggest to the wise law makers down at Austin to leave our senatorial district alone. Denton, Wise and Montague are satisfied.

Senator Williams from Wise is on only eight committees of that honorable body, while Representative Coffee is doing work on six committees in the house.

Senator Williams drew some of the most important assignments on the senate committees, and he is chairman of one of the two most important. Goin' some for a brand new senator.

The lady who sent Jake Hamon across the river, after giving out one hundred and fifty columns of interview, now states that she is modest, retiring and hates notoriety. She is bidding for a job with the movies.

They say that Tom Waggoner is the wealthiest individual in Texas, his holdings amounting to more than one hundred million of dollars. Texas' richest man started life's struggles in Delightful Decatur. Come to Decatur.

Coffee wants the bloated wearers of huge diamonds and fur-collar coats, i. e., the oil well man, to contribute to the tax till. Good; those who are snugly wrapped in furs should assist those who are dodging the wintry blasts in their shirt-tails. Fair enuff.

It is feared that some of Delightful Decatur's girls are out of line in hair-dressing. Reports say the gob of matted hair over the ear is decidedly out of style, and has been for many moons. Probably our girls are waiting to catch the style on its return.

Politics got into the Young Men's Business League, and the good organization went the way of all organizations that permit the politician or near politician to function its functions. Let's organize an honest-to-goodness club, one that will keep clear of the political breakers.

If the country editor were to snap at all the inducements held out he would soon become a millionaire. If he ran a paper according to the popular notion, he would be in the poor house. If he published all the items that were sent to him he would be in jail half the time and in the hospital the other half.

What are needed in this state are fewer pardons—suspended sentence pardons, as well as the others—and more punishment. What is needed is that the law should be less a laughing stock and more the stocks of a former day in which culprits were forced to take their punishment.—Dallas Times-Herald.

We'll bet, or wager, any reasonable amount of money, marbles or chalk that within less than fifteen days the present chief executive of Texas is not as popular with certain three or four citizens of these dignities as Candidate Pat M. Neff was. Then, on the other hand, we gamble that Governor Pat Neff is stronger

politically in these parts than the candidate, Pat M. Neff, ever was.

There are few things that are worthy of anger, and still fewer that can justify malignity.—Dr. Johnson.

If Governor Neff is looking for some fellow to fill a good, fat job down in Austin, a place, or position, on some of the boards, we rise to suggest that he come to Decatur, county seat of Wonderful Wise. The office, you know, governor, will have to seek the man in this case, for, of course, there has been no application made by any Decatur citizen for a place. Good timber up here, gov.

Papers in what promises to be a sensational suit have been filed in New Brunswick, N. J., against Dr. J. J. Reason of Roosevelt, N. J., by Alvin Brower, also of Roosevelt, asking \$75,000 for alleged alienation of Mrs. Brower's affections. Brower charges Dr. Reason with having paid undue attentions to Mrs. Brower for several months, taking her automobile riding on many occasions during her husband's absence. Brower also charges that the doctor called when he was away from home at night. Dr. Reason is married and has a 15-year-old daughter. He was the family physician.

Backward, turn backward, oh time in your flight, give us July again just for tonight; soften the ground where the frost king has lain; Oh, let me hear one mosquito again. I am so weary of snowdrifts and ice; weary of paying the coal trust the price; weary, so weary, of frost-bitten pie—give me a slice of the 4th of July. Backward, swing backward oh, season of snow—mercury fifteen or twenty below—turn to the heat of the tropical zone, roast me until I am cooked to the bone. I am so tired of freezing my nose, weary of chilblains and corns on my toes; weary of trying to sleep—turn on the heat, mister, turn on the heat.—Geers in Tishomingo Capital-Democrat.

Retail merchants especially and all business men generally are tremendously interested over the passage of a law that will make it possible to punish men who willfully and continuously issue bad checks. Under the present law if a man has an account in a bank, though only a few cents, he cannot successfully be punished for drawing checks against such account but which are sure to come back marked "insufficient funds." Merchants are demanding of this legislature, nor the passage of a drastic law which would work a hardship upon those who have no intention of committing a fraud, but they do want a law that will provide punishment for the professional bad check artist. Representatives from this section of the state are urged to take an active interest in the passage of such legislation.

WHAT IS MAN?

Say, man, you think you are some pumpkins, don't you, strutting around like a turkey gobbler, with a fuzzy hat on the back of your head, a chip on your shoulder and a cigar stuck at an angle of forty-five degrees out of your face?

Well, do you know what you are, compared to the universe and to Omnipotence? You are a very small cipher, with the rim caved in. You are a wiggle-tailed tadpole in a rain-water barrel. You are just one of those little white specks one sees floating around in the sunshine. Did you ever see a scum along the shore of a body of water, composed of living things no bigger than the point of a pin, which could not be seen at all unless there were millions of 'em in a bunch? They are animalcules. Maybe you don't know that, either but no matter; you know so little that it does not make any difference. Anyhow, one of those bugs is what you are. It is well to be told what we are, occasionally, so we won't have to put our hats on with a shoe-horn, or step on the gas too hard.

And yet you think all these great worlds and heavenly bodies, many of them millions of times bigger than this earth, are stuck up there for your special benefit, and that you are the whole cheese. Huh! You're not even a respectable-sized microbe!

Science has just demonstrated thru its new powerful lenses that one of the stars is 27,000,000 times bigger than the sun, which in turn is about that much bigger than our little globe. Suppose it happened to butt into us? Where'd you be? Ah, you're a wonder you are!

Now go out and tell everybody willing to listen all you know about all these wondrous things, and what you believe, and what you don't believe, and all that! Why, you poor shrimp, if one of the flames which constantly dart thousands of feet off the sun should come within a million miles of you, you'd shrivel up like a burnt boot in a bonfire!

Swellhead is one of the worst ailments extant, and most prevalent.

It's worse than the flu. That was what was the matter with the frog that hopped on to the railroad track and tried to swell up as big as the engine.

Don't buck the unbuckable! Billions have tried it who are now mere dust and dobe—it can't be done, and only demonstrates inflation of the ego. Be humble; have faith; practice upon the golden rule and play safe!

BOOZE AND HE-VAMPS.

"Mashers and bootleg liquor" were the reasons assigned the other day by Mrs. Cleo Hurtzman of Wichita Falls, under arrest in Chicago as the alleged "lure" of a robber gang for her ventures into banditry. Mrs. Hurtzman said she arrived in Chicago several months ago to seek employment and met Kurt Hurtzman. Despite Hurtzman's confession that he was a drunkard, she said, she married him to "keep watch over him." One day Hurtzman got into a fight and was fined \$200 and sent to the Bridewell. Mrs. Hurtzman appealed to "Curley" Turner for protection, she declared, from "mashers." Turner told her to pick up the next man who accosted her and telephone him. "Next day," she said, "I picked up my first man and telephoned Curley. I took the man to Park and Wisconsin avenues, where Curley and a man named Blickie beat and robbed him. I did two more jobs for Curley and got Kurt out of jail."

Hurtzman, according to his wife, promised to go straight and got a job, but he spent his first week's pay for bootleg booze and she had to go back to "luring" to support them. Married men, said Mrs. Hurtzman, were the worst mashers.

Mrs. Hartzman was arrested while working as a housekeeper in the home of Frank Bovay, where she had obtained employment to evade the police. The police expected to see a brazen hard-eyed creature, but instead they captured a girlish person with creamy complexion, big brown eyes, golden hair and soft, southern language.

"I am the woman you want," she sobbed to the officer. "But I'm not wholly bad. It was the company I was in—and drink, not for myself but for my husband."

She told how she would haunt hotel lobbies and theatre entrances and affect a scared look. Then she would sidle up to some man who looked like a profitable victim and tell him she had lost her way and feared to go out to the home of friends alone. Sometimes she would explain that her husband had gone out of town and she had come to town to a hotel dinner and was afraid to go back to her flat alone. She found plenty of takers. When they reached the flat she would invite her escort in and her husband and his pal would despoil him of his valuables and clothes.

"I simply could not bear to see some of them robbed. I knew they would be beaten if they resisted. Some of them were gentlemen. To these I made an excuse to get away. Others were not gentlemen. All they wanted was to complete the ruin of some young girl or take advantage of a young wife who had appealed to them for help. For these I had no mercy."

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

The way to pay expenses of the country for the next four years is to levy a tax on applications for federal offices.—Sycamore (O.) Leader.

The landlord who asks others to join him in putting rents down to a reasonable basis is not yet the center of a crowd.—Greensboro (N. C.) News.

A Toronto man is charged with setting traps to catch cats. Any man who can catch an alley cat is entitled to the Maltese Cross.—Vancouver Province.

Perk being only nine cents on the hoof and thirty-five in sausage, it's easy to see what in this kind of skin game.—Bellefonte (Pa.) Democratic Watchman.

Those Christmas cigars may help solve the fuel problem. Save them—they may come in handy before the winter is over.—Oconomowoc (Wis.) Enterprise.

There is one field in which the wise man and the fool meet on a common level. That is when they fall in love and take their pens in hand.—Oregon Journal.

Mistletoe was a glorious thing in the day that is imparted the hint that a girl wouldn't mind being kissed, but everybody seems to know that now.—Houston Post.

Many a man who in his time shucked one hundred bushels of corn in a day now has a son who finds it mighty hard to bite the grain off a roasting ear.—Rochester (Ind.) Sun.

The South has determined to reduce its cotton acreage to one-half that of last year. We'll just have to continue to wear silk, that's all.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

About the only way we can think of to keep up war prices is to start another war. And that plan has its positive disadvantages.—Williamsport (Ind.) Review-Republican.

Possum dog out in Dallas county treed eighteen quarts of moonshine liquor. Fellow over in Shelby county wants to know the price of the dog.—Carthage (Tex.) Register.

Some of the children of the people who used to attend spelling schools are making their living writing bad spelling rube stuff for the newspapers.—Cabool (Mo.) Enterprise-Press.

Some people send off hundreds of miles to buy articles at mail-order houses, and then they are mad because local stores do not carry missing parts when the thing breaks down.—Holly (Colo.) Chieftain.

From present indications we believe that the designers of ladies' clothes are doing their best to make both ends meet, and we shudder for fear that they may succeed.—Richmond (La.) Clarion.

One good reason for not stopping

CASH AND CARRY STORE

We have bought the J. A. Moore grocery store in Decatur, and will continue the business at the same stand.

We wish to extend a cordial invitation to the former customers of this store and the public in general to come here for your groceries and feed.

We have adopted the CASH AND CARRY system in our store.

By selling for cash, we have eliminated a large expense account made necessary by the delivery wagon, and by the cutting down of our expense account we expect to make such prices as will make it profitable for the public to come here, pay the cash and carry your goods home.

When you pay cash you get what you pay for and do not have to pay a part of the bad account of someone else.

We will appreciate a share of your patronage.

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immigration from Europe to the United States is that pretty soon we will be able to settle the European question without going to Europe. They will all be over here.—Pharr (Tex.) Clarion.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Why yank all the sun out of Sunday?

Be kind to father now—he is the shorn lamb.

Those who threaten to blow their brains out flatter themselves upon their marksmanship.

We all want the other fellow to go back to the farm.

Mechanics have more trademarks than corporations.

Russians are not civilized—they do not shake the shimmy.

No use buying a cyclopedia if you can't ride it.

If you grouch when you die everybody will wear red neckties.

Most of the rags seems to be wrapped around the Hindus head.

If we never see another war that will be twice too often.

Possibly some monkey glands would help out Miss Democracy.

If Bryan had been feminine, he could have kept that silence.

There is no law which hinders any man from being a gentleman.

The price of merchant marines does not seem to drop much.

Bolshevism cannot win against the great American bathtub.

Everybody knows who T. R. stands for. Also H. C. L.

The road to hell is well pleased and easy to travel.

LUMBER PRICES REDUCED

35 to 50 Per Cent

DEAR FRIEND AND CUSTOMER:

Henry Ford got a lot of free advertising and merited a lot of praise to the world a 20 per cent reduction on "FLIVVERS," but Henry was a "Piker" compared to the present Lumber Merchant, and they are not getting much credit for it, either.

How often during the past three years have we heard that expression—"WHEN PRICES COME DOWN AGAIN;" it has been the prayer of many of us, consumer and merchant alike.

So NOW, at the beginning of a new year, we are glad to be able to come to you with the news that so far as building material is concerned, THAT TIME HAS NOW ARRIVED.

On Armistice Day building materials were very little higher than at the beginning of the war, owing to the fact that all building had been restricted, the Government had been taking practically the whole lumber output and building had been almost at a standstill so it was little wonder that prices soared

when the mad scramble for it began. The building shortage still exists from one end of the country to the other, but in spite of that fact and in spite of the fact that it was the last great commodity to go UP, building materials have been among the first to come DOWN again—in fact, second only to farm products in reaching a normal level.

Perhaps you may doubt our statement that lumber has now reached a normal level. All right here's the proof taken from our records showing the principal items of building materials.

ITEM.	Price in 1917	Price in 1920	Present Price
2-4 2-6 Dimension.	\$4.00	\$ 7.75	\$4.25
12-inch Boxing.	\$4.00	\$ 8.50	\$4.25
8-inch shiplap.	\$3.50	\$ 7.75	\$4.00
4-inch Sheathing.	\$3.50	\$ 7.25	\$3.75
4-inch Flooring.	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$6.75
6-inch Siding.	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$6.75
Shingles	\$5.50	\$10.00	\$6.25

In considering the above comparison, please bear in mind that during this period we have had two advances in freight rates, the first a flat 20 per cent increase, the last a further increase of from 25 per cent to 35 per cent, so that today our freight is nearly double and the net wholesale price of lumber is barely above that of 1917.

Many items are now selling actually below the cost of production based on present wage scale, and we look for some advances when active spring building opens up. People everywhere have been waiting for these low prices, and they are bound to take advantage of them. Do not delay, but come in and arrange with us NOW for your next spring requirements while we can protect you on present low prices.

Remember, our FREE PLAN SERVICE is always at your disposal.

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Shamburger Lumber Company

H. T. BREEDLOVE, Mgr.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAINS

North Bound		
Ft. Worth	—Decatur—	W. Falls
*3—8:30 am	10:00 am	12:55 pm
*1—10:00 am	11:32 am	2:00 pm
*5—6:00 pm	7:50 pm	10:45 pm
*7—10:25 pm	12:02 am	2:50 am
South Bound		
W. Falls	—Decatur—	Ft. Worth
*8—3:05 am	5:40 am	7:15 am
*6—8:00 am	11:00 am	1:00 pm
*4—2:00 pm	4:59 pm	6:40 pm
*2—3:25 pm	5:55 pm	7:25 pm

Nos. 1, 2, 7 and 8 run between Denver and Fort Worth.
Nos. 1 and 2 stop at Bowie, but not at Decatur.
Nos. 7 and 8 stop at Decatur, Bowie and Henrietta.
No. 3 makes all local stops and goes to Childress.
No. 5 makes all local stops and goes to Wichita Falls and Abilene.
No. 6 makes all local stops and comes from Abilene and Wichita Falls.
No. 4 makes all local stops and comes from Childress.
All extra sections have been discontinued. Now only one section of each train in regular, daily operation.

Roe Shoemaker was in Graham Monday.

Attorney M. W. Burch was in Vernon the past week.

Attorney Frank J. Ford was in Dallas on business.

Alfred Brown was in Fort Worth on business this week.

Miss Ora Matheson spent Sunday with relatives in Paradise.

Mr. and Mrs. Oma Cartwright were in Fort Worth Monday.

J. A. Moore left this week for a visit to relatives in McKinney.

Dr. L. H. Reeves was in Fort Worth Monday on professional business.

O. D. Gose spent last Sunday in Sunset attending a Sunday school meeting.

Mrs. Henry Mason has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in McKinney.

Mrs. Dave Dickson of Breckenridge, spent several days here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Freeman have returned to their home in San Antonio, after a visit to relatives here.

Stockholders of the Carey Co. will

hold a meeting in the offices of Mc-Murray & Gettys tomorrow afternoon

Miss Diana Sumners, after several days' visit with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Henderson, has returned to Altus, Okla.

Presiding Elder Shawver and wife left Tuesday to attend a meeting of all the Methodist presiding elders of Texas called by Bishop Ainesworth to meet in Waco.

Several of the young ladies of the city were entertained by the bachelors' and widows' club on Tuesday afternoon. A very enjoyable occasion is reported by the young ladies.

There were 4,752 bales of cotton counting round bales as half bales, ginned in Wise county from the crop of 1920 prior to January 1, 1921, as compared with 15,373 bales ginned to January 1, 1920.

Reports reached Decatur yesterday to the effect that the Rominger well, west of Bridgeport, had struck the black lime, after passing through a strong gas pocket, and the drillers were hopeful of bringing in a good producer.

Tax Collector Blewett asks the Messenger to state that all auto taxes not paid during this January will be subject to a 25 per cent penalty. The last day upon which taxes can be paid without penalty is Monday, Jan. 31.

The Wise county jail was emptied last Monday when Sheriff Malone sent John Peck, a negro, to the penitentiary. Peck was found guilty to burglary and was given two years and he was anxious to get "what he was given," in order to begin serving his sentence.

The next regular meeting of the Masonic lodge will be held on next Saturday night, Jan. 22. After the business meeting degree work will be conferred. The Chapter lodge meets on next Thursday night, at which time the Royal Arch degree will be conferred.

Skovgaard, the Danish violinist, who will appear in concert at the high school auditorium on Thursday night, Jan. 27th, uses a Stradivarius violin, valued at \$13,000. Another interesting fact connected with this famous artist is that his left hand is insured for \$50,000.

John L. Gentry and Jas. A. Parr have bought the J. A. Moore grocery stock in Decatur, and will continue the business at the old stand. Mr. Gentry has been with this store for some time, and is well known to the people of this section. Mr. Parr formerly lived at Chico, but is recently from Henrietta.

The commissioners' court has let the contract for the erection of a new jail for Wise county. All the old part which encloses the cells is to be torn down and replaced with a modern structure of pressed brick. A new kitchen of stone is also to be

erected. Modern cells and equipment are to be placed in the new structure. The work will begin on March 1.

Tully Fields was in Jacksboro.

John Rector is in Breckenridge.

Try the Messenger Classified ads.

John L. Gentry was in Fort Worth yesterday.

See those new spring Oxfords at Rieger Bros.

Walter Wood, Jr. was in Fort Worth Sunday.

Terrell Lillard was in Bridgeport on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl McCown was here this week from Fort Worth.

Miss Selma Taylor of Avondale, is here visiting her sister.

Miss Merle Young was a Fort Worth visitor last week.

Just received shipment of new spring Oxfords. Rieger Bros.

If you have any residence property for sale, see R. L. Blankenship.

My dwelling for sale in Southwest Decatur. Ben Watkins, Decatur.

If you have any residence property for sale, see R. L. Blankenship.

Miss Trula Perrin of Fort Worth, is a guest of Miss Linnie Blewett.

Mrs. E. W. Bass has returned from a visit to relatives in Galveston.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Roe, on Saturday, January 15, 1921, a son.

Miss Lois Nash has returned to her home in Weatherford after a visit here.

Miss Beulah Hollabaugh of Alvord, was the guest of Miss Lela Mann.

Miss Christine McCracken of Servilleta, N. Mex., is here visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. B. Melton has returned from a visit to her daughter in Fort Worth.

Miss Ruth Payne has returned from attending T. C. U. at Fort Worth.

J. Warren Lillard is in a Fort Worth sanitarium, undergoing an operation.

Mrs. Herchel Collier of Fort Worth has been visiting the family of P. B. Barnett.

W. E. Terrell and P. L. Jones were in Graham this week, looking over the oil fields.

J. L. Senter of Bowie, was here Wednesday. Mr. Senter lived in Decatur years ago.

Mrs. W. L. Dallas has returned from a visit to her daughter, Miss Alma, in Dallas.

Mrs. Willie Lee Kimble and son, of New Mexico, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wasson.

Boyd high school defeated Decatur high here Tuesday in basketball, by a score of 18 to 11.

Rufus Roberts has returned from Baylor University and is employed in the Summit garage.

Chas. Ratliff, Henry Fralin, Ernest Wren and Ed Ward were here yesterday from Boyd.

Mrs. G. W. Griffith was carried to a Fort Worth sanitarium for treatment during the past week.

Mrs. Grady Keown continues very low at a Fort Worth sanitarium. Little hope is had for her recovery.

The Decatur Baptist College lost its first game on the road trip to John Tarleton by the score of 52 to 37.

Plain sewing and mending satisfactorily done at my home on East Walnut street. Mrs. S. E. Pyeat, city.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hodges, which underwent an operation in Fort Worth recently, is rapidly recovering.

Mrs. E. B. Melton and son, Frank, went to Crafton yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. T. R. Holliday of Riverside, Fort Worth.

Marriage licenses: T. C. Florida and Miss Lola Christian; Wm. M. Gross and Mrs. Beatrice Holt; Cecil Lacy and Miss Violet Simmons.

Reuben Johnston has returned from a stay with his father, Rev. M. B. Johnston in Waxahachie. He reports his father's health as slightly improved.

There were 4,752 bales of cotton ginned in Wise county prior to January 15th, 1921, as compared with 15,373 bales ginned prior to the same date in 1920.

Tom and Lee Mann received the sad intelligence Monday of the death of their sister, Mrs. Joe Ferguson of Rule, who had died in a Dallas sanitarium on that day.

The committee soliciting funds for repairing the Decatur-Bridgeport road reports that \$150 cash has been received, and \$35 more has been promised. This movement should receive the support of our entire citizenship.

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If we never see another war that will be twice too often.

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Rev. R. C. Hicks of Nocona, has been named by the bishop as pastor of the Decatur Methodist church to take the place of Rev. Kidd. Rev. Hicks arrived in Decatur last Saturday and preached his first sermon Sunday morning. A large crowd heard the discourse, and the congregation gave the new pastor a splendid welcome. Pastor Hicks returned to Nocona the first of the week and has since moved his family to Decatur. The new pastor is recognized as one of the strong men of the conference, and will doubtless do a good work in Decatur.

The chairman of the committee on state penitentiaries was drawn by Senator Guinn Williams of Decatur. He drew assignments on the finance, insurance and banking, labor, mining, irrigation and drainage, roads, ferries and bridges, stock and stock raising and congressional districts committees.

News comes from Breckenridge of the marriage of Mr. John Bridges, formerly of this place, to Miss Elsie Sears, of that city. Mr. Bridges is now one of the prominent contractors of his city. He is a splendid and capable young man who has many good friends in Decatur. The bride is one of the most popular young ladies of Breckenridge.

Mrs. Nancy Lovejoy, formerly a resident of this section, died at the home of her son, Bob, in Oklahoma last Saturday. The body was brought to Bridgeport Monday for interment. Mrs. Lovejoy resided in the Bethel community many years, being one of the pioneers of this section. She was a grand old character, and her death has saddened the hearts of many old friends here. She was eighty-nine years of age. She is survived by seven children.

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SALESMEN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oil, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio. (1)

WANTED—To buy one grey female goose. Bring to Messenger office. (1)

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Plenty of good John-son grass hay. \$12.50 per ton at my barn. J. W. OATES, Rte 1, Decatur, Texas. (1)

FOR SALE—Seven-room house, five lots, for \$2,000.00; \$500.00 cash, payments to suit. See FANNIE BRUNO, Decatur, Texas. (4)

FOR SALE—My dwelling in Southwest Decatur. BEN WATKINS, Decatur. (1-f)

FOR SALE—Mammoth Bronze turkeys, late hatched; from best of Collin county stock; hens, \$2.50, gobblers, \$3.00, at my home. MRS. J. T. PHILLIPS, Rte 8, Decatur. (4)

FOR SALE—Seed oats, 65c and 75c per bushel, at my home east of Decatur. CHAS. DAVIS. (3)

FOR SALE—Frost proof cabbage plants, 500 \$1.50, 1000 \$2.50, postpaid. 1000 \$2.00, 10,000 \$1.50 per 1000, express collect. KINSEY WHOLESALE PLANT CO., Valdosta, Georgia. (7)

FOR SALE—Oak pole wood, 50c foot high on wagon; eight miles east of Decatur, on route 8. ARCHIE PAGGETT. (2)

TO TRADE

FOR TRADE—I have 165 acres of good black land, 45 miles south of San Antonio and 40 acres irrigated south of Donna, Texas in lower Rio Grande valley. Want property in or near Decatur—what have you? W. I. GHORMLEY, Arlington, Tex. (3)

FOR RENT—My house in West Decatur. O. D. GOSE. (2)

STRAYED—Jersey cow; has horns marked swallow-fork in right ear; also two red yearlings, steer and heifer; natural muleys. Strayed last week from my farm below Decatur. Liberal reward for information. J. F. BLACKERBY. (4)

NOTICE—The grocery business of W. I. Dallas will be conducted by W. I. Dallas, who has been in the business for. Also H. C. L. (1)

BAD CHECK GIVER COMES TO GRIEF

Yesterday, just before noon, John DeLamar of Hollis, Oklahoma, walked into the San la Roy confectionery and met his former friend, Roy Heathington, proprietor of the place. Before leaving DeLamar requested Mr. Heathington to cash a check for \$25 on an Oklahoma bank. The check was drawn and cashed by Mr. Heathington, but a short time later he became uneasy about the check and telephoned to the Oklahoma bank, only to find that the check was worthless. He at once instituted search for his "Friend DeLamar," and found that he and a companion had started to walk toward Rhome. The officers were notified and a phone message sent to Constable Joe Brown at Rhome to stop the gentleman wanted. In due time Mr. Brown arrested DeLamar and brought him back to Decatur, where he and his companion were placed in jail. The money was returned to Mr. Heathington.

It is reported that DeLamar is wanted by the authorities at Hollis, Oklahoma and Sheriff Malone stated yesterday evening that he would hold DeLamar until he could hear from Oklahoma officers.

RED CROSS NOTES

The executive committee of the Red Cross had a called meeting Monday afternoon, Vice-Chairman Mrs. M. W. Burch, presiding.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide means for aiding the sick and needy or any case requiring first aid, by establishing a "loan closet," consisting of sheets, pillow cases, towels, blankets, night shirts, night gowns, syringes, hot water bottles, thermometers, and various other articles needed in the sick room.

The purchasing committee appointed was Mrs. Jack Cates, Mrs. J. H. Lynch, Miss Marie Patterson, Dr. P. J. Fullingim. Miss Delight Shafer will have charge of the loan closet which will be established at her residence. She will check all garments sent out and returned.

Any physician in town having patients who could be benefitted by this loan will report same to anyone of the following committee: Miss Shafer, Mrs. Burch, Mrs. Dallas.

Special feature at the Majestic on next Thursday night.

ONCE I KISSED A WEE MAID.

Oh, once I kissed a wee maid beneath a lilac tree,
'Tis many a year ago now, and she was very fair,
But every heart is young, sir, that holds a memory,
And all the stars of April were shining in her hair.

paths that led across the hills kept calling to my feet,
and there was many a land to lure and many a distant sea;
many a lip was red, sir, and many a waist was neat—
but once I kissed a wee maid beneath a lilac tree.

Not mine to make the loud name, the starry high success,
But life has tuned my old heart with many a melody;
Oh, I have had a man's share of dreams and happiness,
and once I kissed a wee maid beneath a lilac tree.

and Holmes Lowrey, in the Saturday Evening Post.

Form of Generosity.
A fellow is kind of hard to de-
termine to be very generous."
He's a regular Santa Claus."
I understand."
willing to take the credit for
giving you anything you want provid-
someone else stand the expense."

How to Keep Pipe Clean.
English pipe smokers have revived an ancient method of keeping a pipe clean. They roll the tobacco into a "bomb" of rice paper, tear a hole in the bottom of the "bomb" and drop it into the pipe bowl. They light the twist of paper at the top. The paper doesn't burn except at the top and a rap of the hand at the finish of the smoke throws out paper and ashes and all the "gooney" creosote and nicotine that ordinarily clings to the pipe and makes it foul.

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GRIP EPIDEMIC HITS PARIS

Colds and Coughs Are All Traced Back to Inclement Weather of Armistice Day.

Paris.—An epidemic of sneezing, coughing, colds in the head and other similar ailments has struck Paris.

In the autobusses, tramways, subways, restaurants everyone has his handkerchief in hand for constant use. Drug stores and physicians are doing a rushing business. The climax of a love scene at one of the theaters was utterly spoiled when the audience commenced to cough and sneeze unan-
mously.

Ask any of the sufferers where they got it and the answer is stereotyped: "I caught that on Armistice day, standing bareheaded in the foggy, damp weather, while the procession filed past."

President Millerand, who walked bareheaded in the procession for nearly three miles, was one of the sufferers.

WHERE SHIMMY CAME FROM



Here we have the originator of the Shimmy. A dancing girl of South Egypt ready to "step out."

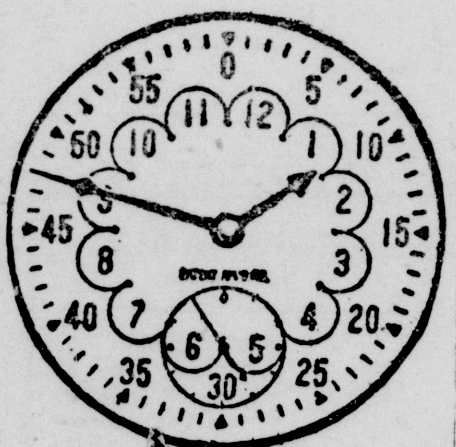
Beat Up the Wrong Lady.

Brazil, Ind.—Bandits who attacked Mrs. Emory Clingerman, tearing her clothes from her body and beating her, though they were in her mother's home where they hoped to get money taken in at a sale. Mrs. Clingerman's brother had conducted a sale on the same day, and it was his money that the bandits were after. Mrs. Clingerman was severely beaten before the bandits discovered a framed marriage license which revealed their error.

NEW IDEA FOR CLOCK FACE

Reform Which Seems to Be Eminently Sensible May Soon Come Into General Use.

A watchmaker suggests a change in the dials of timepieces. On the proposed dial the circle traced by the tip of the minute hand is marked, as usual, into sixty minute divisions. But



Proposed New Dial.

a minute number and not an hour number, is placed at every fifth division. A smaller circle, traced by the tip of the hour hand, is marked into twelve hour divisions. Between successive marks the hour numerals are displayed. The number "12," for example, is placed between the first and second hour mark. It will be noticed, too, that "0" replaces "60" on both the minute and second circles.

Only the slightest change in the relative spacing of hour and minute hands would be necessary to make them point to the exact hour and minute.

Why Birds Are Superior.

"It is true that man makes longer journeys than birds," remarks Frank M. Chapman in his book "The Travels of Birds." "But it also is true he could not make them without help from other men. He might walk where there was land, but he would need days to go as far as a bird could go in an hour. And when he comes to the sea he requires a sailing vessel or steamer, with charts and maps and compass to aid him in finding the way; while in the hold there must be food for the use of the crew and passengers during the voyage."

Why He Admires Beavers.

While beavers have a propensity for aggravating ranchers by building dams that impede the flow of irrigation waters, the forest ranger at the Mink Creek station in the Cache forest claims to have located a colony of beavers philanthropically inclined. He left his station recently, intending to build a dam to flood a strip of land used for raising hay for the station. Upon his arrival at the pasture he found that the work he intended doing had been accomplished by beavers.—Ogder Standard.

High School Bulletin.

Composed by Students Attending the Decatur High Schools

Locals.

Fay and Juanita Bullard have moved to Oklahoma.

Miss Workman has recovered from her recent illness and is back in school.

Douglas Dickson, Charles and Bernice Maiden were out of school last Monday.

Leona Willingham, one of the eighth grade pupils, has moved to Graham.

The high school basketball teams have begun their practice. We expect to have some fine teams.

The high school girls and the college girls played a match game in basketball Monday, January 10.

The seventh grade will take up civics and agriculture in place of geography and grammar. They have completed the books they are quitting.

Mr. Leville Hicks spoke at the high school Monday night. He intended to speak on the preceding Thursday, but, as the weather was bad, the entertainment was postponed.

Mid-term examinations were held at the high school last week. The work of the first term is passed and cannot be helped, but the pupils have resolved to work harder the following term than they did in the first.

Dr. J. P. Boone, Miss O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and Miss Sprecher, Baptist state workers, visited the high school last week. Dr. Boone, Miss Sprecher and Mrs. Brown made good talks, which were enjoyed by the students.

The ninth and tenth grade of the Decatur high school will take their examination on the memory and supplementary reading phase of their English course next Thursday; the eleventh and eight grades will take their examination on this work Friday.

Mr. Johnston is going to start a physiology class at the high school. This class will consist of the pupils who have failed on Latin and have no opportunity to make up the work. Both teacher, Mr. Johnston, and pupils will have for affiliation in this subject. The state department has promised one-half unit if the work is brought up to the standard required. There will be about ten or twelve in the class.

SOME POINTERS TO CHICKEN RAISERS

The time for getting lots of eggs and raising chickens is drawing near. In these close financial times everyone is trying to economize and make what he can.

I have been raising white Wyandotts several years. I will give a few things I have learned. I am now where I should have begun.

I had white Wyandotts but I did not know how to cull them; if they were pure white, I thought that was most enough.

I sold eggs for \$1.50 per setting, and baby chicks for 12 1/2 cents and made a right good lot of spending money. I bought insect powder, chicken tonics—whatever I found in a drug store.

Well, as I looked about I saw others getting \$3.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and on up to \$35.00 per setting, and for baby chicks from 25 to 35 cents. Now why not get that price for mine?

First, I did not ask that and then I saw that mine were not worth that. I got the names of prize winners at stock shows and state fairs, and ordered eggs. Of course, they were from \$3.00 to \$25.00 per setting. I took a right good grade by waiting late for eggs. Well, the chickens did not grow as large as they would if hatched earlier, and did not lay during the first winter.

I now have a good lot of splendid hens and some fine roosters that I bought. \$15.00 and \$25.00 seems a lot to pay for young cockerels, but it pays! I should have done this at first. My advice is to those who plan to raise thoroughbred chickens: Get the best you can. They will soon make you money. It is very little trouble to keep them penned during raising time.

I feed corn, peanuts, kitchen scraps, oats and milk, with plenty of tender weeds and cabbage leaves, and with gravel, charcoal and ashes in a pile for them to wallow. For insect powder, I find snuff, sulphur and road dust in equal parts good enough with creosote dip used freely to spray nests, coops and houses.

It cost something to get thorough-breds, but no more to raise them than scrubs. Why take 20 cents a dozen for eggs when you can get \$3.00 to \$5.00 for fifteen, and for baby chicks and chickens for breeding purposes almost your own price. There are a lot of chickens in Wise county. Why not more?

MRS. S. L. ATKINS.

BOYD HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS PARADISE

The Boyd high school defeated the Paradise high school at Boyd Saturday in a game of basketball by a score of 25 to 11.

The feature of the game was the goal throwing of "Soda" Frilin, who unassisted, made 23 of the 25 points for Boyd. Boyd high has lost but two games this season out of thirty-four played.

They wish to issue a challenge to any team in North Texas, to play either at home or abroad. Write, write or call on Emory Hall Fralin, manager, Boyd, Texas.

Attend the Majestic tonight.

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Full stock of clevises, plow handles, sweeps, hoes, rakes and shovels. Poultry netting, galvanized and painted iron.

We can supply all your wants in Graniteware, Auminum Quensware and Hardware.

Remember we have a large and complete stock of Automobile Casings and accessories. Anything you may need in repairing or refitting your car you can get here.

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AN EARNEST APPEAL

As missionary of Wise County Baptist Association, am coming to the brethren through the papers of the county with the earnest request that you co-operate with us and help to make the rally to be held here the 28-30, 1921 a rally indeed and in truth, by having a representation from every church in the county and especially do we appeal to all the pastors and boards members, both those appointed by the association and the churches, also those interested in the Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. work to come and enjoy a feast of good things with us and let us get better acquainted with each other so that we may the more greatly appreciate each others' fellowship in the Master's service.

We also invite you to come and enjoy the hospitality of the First Baptist church, as there will be entertainment furnished for all who come. So please come and stay through the entire rally. Your servant for Jesus' sake,
S. L. BULKLEY.

First Baptist Church

Pastor R. E. Bell will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday at both hours. The sermon Sunday night will be on "Sabbath Observance." An explanation will be given of why we observe the first day of the week instead of the seventh, and the basis of Sunday laws will also be given. Some reference will also be made to the "Sunday Blue Law" crusade discussed so much in the papers these days.
R. E. BELL.

How to Kill Flies on Ceiling.

Flies that take refuge on the ceiling at night or in cool weather, may be captured without difficulty. The handle is sawed from an old broom, and a tin lid is attached to the end by driving a large tack through it into the stick. The tack should be driven firmly to make the lid rest solidly and prevent leakage. The lid is partly filled with kerosene and is held for a few seconds against the ceiling directly under a fly. The insect, becoming more or less torpid with the cold, will be further stupefied by the fumes of the oil and will drop into the lid.

How Ancient Dandies Slept.

According to a Greek writer, effeminate dandies in ancient Greece sometimes slept on beds of sponge. Fashionable people in Athens slept under coverlets of dressed peacock skins with feathers on. Cushions of pink and purple were used for their heads.

How Some Coffee Is Made.

In coffee-growing countries a suffusion of the leaves of the plant is held by many to be superior to that made from berries.



EARLE WILLIAMS

"Don't change your company," is the advice Earle Williams gives to young actors, and then he adds, "providing you are with the right company."

Earle Williams is one of the few film players who has never changed his habitation from a studio to another. He commenced his career 12 years ago with the Vitaphone star family and has never strayed from the fold. "The Wolf," visualized from Eugene Walters' famous stage play, and "The Fortune Hunter" from Winchell Smith's play, have been the means of emphasizing Mr. Williams' ability and popular attraction recently.

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ECONOMIC CROP YIELDS NECESSARY

CHEAPEST YIELDS ARE THE LARGEST YIELDS PER ACRE, SAYS SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL AUTHORITY

It Take a Greater Amount of Crop Returns to Cover Production Cost Now; Therefore High Yields Per Acre Are Necessary If the Farmer Is to Obtain Profits



J. N. HARPER had hurt the farmer more than any other class, and that on this account the farmer is entitled to every consideration within reason.

At such a time as this when the farmer is facing the problem of which crops to grow, and how much he can venture to spend in their production, Mr. Harper says, that he, as a farmer himself, knows that it is the most difficult situation of the kind he has ever confronted.

This is the way this agricultural authority figures out the proposition of profitable crop production in 1921:

"Grow enough food and feed crops to supply as far as possible the needs of the family, the tenants and livestock. Then pick out the kind of cash crops that seem to offer the best prospects.

"Cotton will always be one of the best cash crops that a Southern farmer can grow. No cotton farmer can afford to throw cotton aside altogether.

"But cotton should not be the only cash crop. It would only be another case of carrying all the eggs in one basket. It is better to go to market with more than one crop. Among these other crops are peanuts, legume hays, tobacco, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, sorghum, rice and perhaps other crops. In addition there should be a gradual adding, as means will allow, of more livestock, beginning with hogs preferably and taking on other animals as soon as possible.

"In facing the problem of profitable crop production for the year 1921, two facts must be considered. (1) Crop prices are low. (2) Crop producing expenses have not fallen correspondingly.

"The farmer must remember that when crop prices are low, it takes more of the crops to cover the production cost. This narrows the margin of profit. Therefore, if a farmer does not look well to keeping up his acre yields, there will be no margin left above the cost of production.

"Always, the most expensive yields are the low yields and the most remunerative are the high yields. If there are losses to be sustained, as was the case in 1920, the farmer who grew the greatest yields per acre lost least.

"A safe and sane policy that needs especial emphasis for 1921, is: 'Guard your profits with high acre yields.' This involves good preparation of the seed bed, the use of high producing seed, liberal fertilization and thorough cultivation. A neglect to employ any one of these to the proper extent may mean that the farmer will find himself poorer at the end of the season than at the beginning.

"Labor is the greatest item of cost in producing a crop yield. It must be used to the extent of thorough cultivation. Fertilizers are next in the list of cost items. Since high yields per acre are so essential in times of low prices of crops, and since fertilizers increase acre yields more than anything else, they cannot be reduced in 1921. In fact, it may be that they will have to be depended upon more than ever, to make acre yields that will be profitable.

"An investment in good seed is one of the best that a farmer can make at any time.

"In a word, this is a time for farm efficiency, faith and courage. These virtues exercised, the farmer will emerge from the post-war struggle victoriously."

CALCIUM ARSENATE TREATMENT

An idea of the benefit gained by application of the calcium arsenate treatment developed and recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture against the cotton-boll weevil is found in the experience of a large planter at Tallulah, La. With the exception of certain test plots, this man's entire acreage was dusted with calcium arsenate, the cost being \$9.20 an acre. He obtained an average yield of 1,215 pounds of seed cotton to the acre on the land surrounding the test plots, while these unpoisoned test plots averaged only 300 pounds, or about 25 per cent of the yield on the poisoned cotton. Thus his net profit from poisoning on these areas on sales made before declining prices of cotton was about \$120 an acre.

WHY

The Rummage Sale Is a Worthy Institution

Did you ever attend one? Here on a table is old Brown's silk hat that he wore to church many years, and now that he's gone it has been sent by his family to the rummage sale to be disposed of for the benefit of the church.

And there on the counter is an old china 'pug dog' that used to guard the mantelpiece in somebody's house. And on a rack hangs the Prince Albert coat that some fellow wore when he was married and which his wife kept as a treasured thing through the years; now she has given it away because the sentiment attached to it finally is dead like last year's leaf.

They are handy institutions, these rummage sales, enabling one, as they do, to give away for good purposes what he no longer needs, or wants or cares for. He holds on to such things a long time and then one day he gets tired of seeing them around and away they go to the rummage sale, the second-hand store and the rag shop.

But the rummage of minds and characters most people hold on to and cherish forever, observes the Haverhill (Mass.) Gazette. To their dying day they keep old and worn-out prejudices and fight hard for them. They keep fast to habits, knowing they are bad, but lacking the will or the courage to throw them off.

The next time you gather together your old clothes for the rummage sale and have packed them all in one bundle, suppose you say to yourself: "Let's see, what have I left out? What passions, prejudices and habits are littering up my mind and character?"

You will not be able to get rid of this rummage as easily as you can dispose of your old clothes, but once having taken stock of it you will know yourself better. The first step to self-improvement is to become acquainted with your defects.

EDGAR FIRST ENGLISH KING

Why It Is Incorrect to Give Honor to Egbert, as Some Historians Have Done.

Egbert is frequently, but incorrectly, called the "first king of England." He became king of Wessex, the land of the West Saxons, in 802 A. D., and before he died, in 839 A. D., he had made himself overlord of all the other Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. He was never, indeed, directly, king of all England. Kent, Sussex, and Essex, were governed by rulers of his own family, appointed by himself. Mercia, East Anglia, and Northumberland retained their own kings, ruling under Egbert as their overlord. In this way, to quote the words of John Richard Green, in his "Short History of the English People," "the whole English race in Britain was for the first time knit together under a single ruler. Long and bitter as the struggle for independence was still to be in Mercia and in the north, yet from the moment that Northumbria bowed to its West-Saxon overlord England was made, in fact, if not as yet in name." It was not until the year 959 that Edgar (944-975), became king of a united England.

CUT COTTON COST BY MAKING FOOD

Southern Farm Prosperity Absolutely Dependent on Cutting Production Cost Through Food-Making and Saving.

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special).—"A right about-face movement in 1921 is necessary if the farmers of the South are to get on safe, firm ground again," said H. G. Hastings, President of the great Southeastern Fair.

"It looks as if we all went cotton crazy last spring, despite all the danger signals flying and the disregard of plain facts as to costs of cotton production. We have repeated our follies of 1911 and 1914 and piled up debts based on costly food and grain to be paid for by cotton that is now below cost of production.

"With few exceptions those items of food and grain could and should have been produced on home acres at one-third to one-half what the supply merchant charges for them.

"Cotton is the one best money crop for the South, and probably always will be. The time of war prices is over and the problem from now on is to lower cost of production and at the same time afford the cotton grower a fair profit.

"Cost of making cotton is primarily the cost of food, grain and forage for the farmer, his family, his laborers or tenants, and his work stock. Cutting food, grain and forage costs by home production will reduce cotton costs from one-third to one-half.

"Plant for an abundance of food, grain and forage, thus cutting down store bills, and the lower prices for cotton will not hurt so much. We cannot, with European countries so thoroughly disorganized, reasonably expect high prices for cotton for several years and we must make cotton at lower cost, or else quit cotton growing.

"Most of us cannot quit cotton, hence the absolute necessity of food, grain and forage planting in 1921—the making on home acres of every pound of food and grain needed to see us through.

"In this food production program, take the home vegetable garden seriously. Give the home garden a square deal and it will surprise you in the amount of healthful food produced. It takes the least ground, can be planted the earliest, brings quick returns and if kept replanted, and worked well stay by you all the season through."

HOW

TONS OF PEAT ARE CUT DAILY BY NEW MACHINE.—A new machine built on the endless track principle, designed especially for the purpose of excavating peat, conveys some idea of the proportions to which this industry has grown.

The excavator proper consists of a worm conveyor having cutting edges on the outboard end. This unit digs to a maximum depth of seven feet, conveying the mass to a macerator, where it is ground and churned to a paste. The operation is continuous, the paste next being discharged upon the ground and spread in a uniform layer, about 16 feet wide by 4 feet thick, by a spreader, which also cuts it into narrow ribbons. Another machine then cuts these into easily-handled briquettes, says an article in Popular Mechanics. After a preliminary drying the briquettes are arranged in windows that the drying process may be completed. The excavator is powered by a gasoline engine and is completely self-contained and self-moving. The extreme width of the tread enables the heavy machine to travel easily over the soft, marshy ground where it would be impossible to move a wheeled vehicle.

Engineers of the bureau of mines, University of Minnesota, are authority for the statement that there are sufficient peat deposits in sight to supply all the fuel requirements of the state for hundreds of years at the present consumption rate.

MUST YIELD PART TO CROWN

How the British Law Deals With the Finder of What Is Known as Treasure-Trove.

Treasure-trove is money, plate, bullion, coin, gold or silver, found hidden in the earth or other private place, the owner being unknown. According to Roman law, treasure found by a man in his own land belonged to the finder; if found in the land of another, half was given to the owner of the land and half to the finder. In Great Britain treasure-trove belongs to the Crown, and concealment by the finder is an indictable offense. The Crown, however, is in the practice of paying to the finder the value of the property upon its being delivered up. In 1886 the home office of the British government gave notice that the finders of treasure would be permitted to retain articles not required for any national institution, subsequent to a deduction of ten per cent; articles required for museums, etc., are paid for at their antiquarian value, less 20 per cent. The civil code of the province of Quebec, which is largely based on the old French law, follows the rule of the Roman law upon this point. Article 586 says: "The ownership of a treasure rests with him who finds it in his property; if he finds it in the property of another, it belongs half to him, and the other half to the owner of the property. A treasure is any buried or hidden thing of which no one can prove himself the owner and which is discovered by chance."—Montreal Family Herald.

How Comets Can Carry Live Germs.

Scientists now declare that comets carry live disease germs. They further state that it is possible for these germs to travel to earth from other worlds on the tails of comets.

This is not so extraordinary as it may seem, if we examine the facts.

What is a comet? Scientists tell us that most comets are pieces of other planets which have been rent asunder by some unknown cause. We are further told that these comets may contain innumerable millions of the germs which lie in all kinds of elements, and that microbes can remain inactive but alive for long periods of time.

It is possible for germs to be whirled through space in a comet, and, under favorable conditions, to attack human beings and animals after reaching our atmosphere.

Why Manners Are Important.

Manners are a pleasant deceit—a conspiracy to rob existence of much of its crudity.

Because of them the elusive element of charm lingers in the world, and gentler natures are encouraged in their robust growth.

A lot of efficient people, though, have discarded manners as so much unnecessary impediments.

Why rise when a lady enters the room? Why appear interested when others talk? Why ask to be remembered to the people you have hitherto forgotten? Why thank anyone for giving you what you have paid for? There is not much reason or logic behind it all. It is merely that with the finer natures there is an instinctive courtesy that expresses itself in manners.

Just as with so many others there is an instinctive lack of courtesy which finds expression in boorishness. Manners are not useless. They prevent you from giving thoughtless hurt to others. They make you remain silent when Chopin is being played.

Good manners come from a good heart.—London Express.

Mrs. I. V. Stineo f Bowie, is visiting friends here.

HOW

EVERYDAY LIFE IS HAZARDED BY DANGER.—The hazards we face in the course of an ordinary day in the peaceful pursuit of business and recreation are seldom thought of by most men, according to an accident insurance official, with whom I talked not long ago and who, by the way, was not trying to sell me an accident policy.

"Without taking into consideration vocational risks," he said, "it is amazing how many chances we run just leading a normal life. Every day a man faces loss of life, physical impairment or inability to earn a livelihood.

"Even in the act of arising in the morning and in getting into bed at night serious injuries have been received by many through falls on the floor. The apparently safe operation of taking a bath has proved to be one of the prolific sources of injuries. Shaving is another dangerous operation. The number of serious cuts has reached great proportions. The simple operation of cutting corns has proved to be dangerous and innumerable injuries have been due to accidents while lighting cigars, cigarettes and pipes.

"Chores about the house, both for men and women, furnish all kinds of hazards, the statistics show. Falls from ladders, both inside and outside the house, have been numerous, to say nothing of apparatus, cuts from lawn mowers, butcher knives and scissors, burns while cooking and falls over furniture.

"In the streets the dangers are even greater. Many are killed crossing the streets at undesignated points. Falling signs and snow endanger the lives of pedestrians."

The number of accidents and consequent injuries might be greatly decreased, my informant said, if people would only exercise a little care in the ordinary routine of the day's work. And the force of what he said was brought home to me when I saw a pedestrian deliberately throw a banana peel on the sidewalk. As I kicked it into the gutter I could not help wondering if I might not by this little act have saved some one from a fall and perhaps serious injury.—Portland Evening Express.

ONE MAN FOOLED MONARCH

How Irishman Escaped Military Service Under Emperor Frederick William I. of Prussia.

Frederick William I of Prussia had many an adventure in person as well as establishing adventures for his officers when he attempted to keep up his famous regiment of giants. There is record of but one man that ever outwitted him in escaping the toils of the guard. Tim Morgan, a poor Irish farmer, started out to see the world. He arrived in Prussia, and was promptly seized by a recruiting officer of the guards, Tim being a good six inches over the six-foot standard for tall men.

Tim stood it for some time, and then one day sighed and remarked that was too bad that his five brothers, all bigger men than he, were not members of the guard. The company officer, overhearing the remark, as was intended, asked that Tim send for them. Tim explained they would not come for any such summons. King Frederick heard of the possible recruits, and gave orders that Tim be sent after them, and with him take \$1,500 as bribe money. Tim went, and of course never came back. He had no brothers, tall or short. Once a year until his death he would climb a hill near his home in Ireland and shake his fist in the Prussian's direction, and bid him a mocking good-by.

How to Sleep.

What happens to your body when you sleep? First, your breathing slows down and your heart drops six or eight beats a minute. Then cellular repair begins. The muscles, nerves, and tissues get new life; your whole body breathes more freely.

When you waken you should feel refreshed. If you don't, perhaps you have slept too long; or slept in a room not properly ventilated. Eating heavily before retiring will also make you wake up tired.

When you go to sleep, stretch out. If you draw your knees up under your chin your body will not relax properly. Small pillows and light bedding are also recommended.

If you follow all these rules and sleep eight hours every night, you will wake up full of pep each morning.—Popular Science Monthly.

How Birds Are Superior.

The bird traveler asks help from no one. He has no use for locomotives, automobiles or steamships. He carries no chart and no compass, and he can go with ease to parts of the world which it took man many years to reach, and to some parts of the world which still are unknown to man.

So far as I know, there is no way by which we can go with the birds on their travels, and even a tiny hummingbird could laugh at the efforts of the best aviator. If he should attempt to follow him in an airplane from Canada to Central America.—From "The Travels of Birds."

Tired

"I was weak and run-down," relates Mrs. Eula Burnett, of Dalton, Ga. "I was thin and just felt tired, all the time. I didn't rest well. I wasn't ever hungry. I knew, by this, I needed a tonic, and as there is none better than—

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Sold Everywhere

Mrs. E. W. Lively returned a week from a stay with her sister, J. W. Taylor, in Apache, Oklahoma. Mrs. Taylor died at her home in city last Sunday. She was for many years a resident of this community and had a host of friends here.